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## An Active Faith

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Hebrews 11:6

Words Christian and Faith almost synonymus terms.  
Imagine a fireman who never fought a fire in his life.  
A saving faith. Eph. 4:5. Some unsaving types too.  
Great, little, living, dead, talking and silent faith.

INT:

- I. A TRUE CHRISTIAN BELIEVES THAT GOD IS. *Acts like it.*
- First prerequisite. A belief that God is. Text.
  - This faith includes faith in Christ also. J. 12:44-45
  - Faith in God a fact to the Jews. John 14:1.
  - Faith in God a problem for the Gentiles.
    - What separated God and Gentiles? Rom. 2:21-22.
    - Gentiles became a lawless race. Rom. 2:14-15.
    - This hard lesson drove them to God. Acts 10:34-35
    - What evidences turned them back to God?
      - An innate need for Him. Rom. 2:14.
      - The glories of the universe. Ps. 19:1.
      - The testimony of the earth. Ps. 19:1.
      - God's powerful Word. Compare today. I Pet. 1:23
- II. AN ACCEPTABLE BELIEVER EXPECTS AN ETERNAL REWARD.
- We walk by faith and not by sight. II Cor. 5:7.
  - Expect a reward because of testimony. Rev. 2:10.
  - Old and New Testament worthies believed this.
    - Abraham fully confident. Gen. 12:1-3.
    - David a strong believer. Psalms 16:8-11.
    - Peter unafraid of mortals. Acts 4:19-20. Why?
    - Paul had a higher vision.. Philippians 1:21-23.
  - Some believe in this reward today. Same eternal life
    - Missionaries in Ger. Italy-Japan, 3 letters.*
  - Put your complete confidence in a coming reward.
    - God is able to supply eternal life. Infallible.
    - God is willing to bless us all. II Pet. 3:9.
    - But God will not reward promiscuously. Acts 17:30.
- III. GOD REWARDS ONLY THE SEEKER.
- Because he investigates the evidence. Rom. 10:17.
  - Strives to conform to God's pattern. Matt. 18:3.
  - Faith unavailing until it speaks. Matt. 10:32.
  - Seeks the sonship of God. Gal. 3:26-27.
  - Follows the more excellent way. I Cor. 12:31.

INV:

Sinner: Believe the evidence? Make your active faith.  
Erring: Posses an inactive faith? Repent and Pray.